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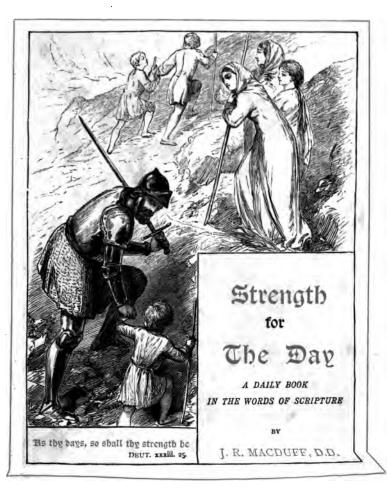
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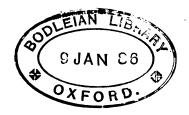


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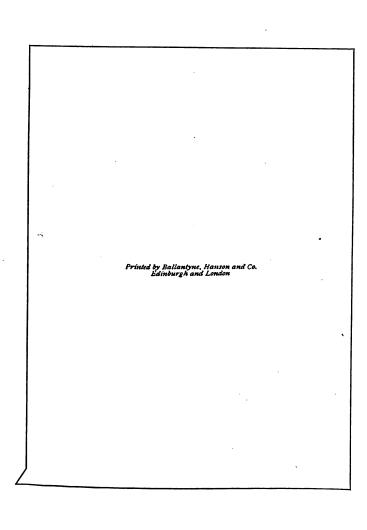
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# STRENGTH FOR THE DAY.



ERY Alpine mountain-range is imposing. But just as these have their loftier and more commanding altitudes, their Eigers and Wetterhorns, their Jungfraus and Mont

Cervins and Monte Rosas, so are there some grander and more glorious summits in inspired Scripture,—crowned monarchs, which, like their prototypes in outer nature, seem to retain longer than others the golden hues of morning and evening.

Such pre-eminently, at least in Old Testament, is the sublime "Monolith of God" which stands conspicuous in our present Volume. We may well include it among those hoary peaks of spiritual strength and succour which arrested the Psalmist's gaze;—"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

There is an eastern legend regarding the building of a

great Christian Temple which none that has seen is ever likely to forget,—the magnificent Church of St. Sophia in Constantinople. The legend is this—That the architect (Anthemius of Tralles), during the sleepless anxieties of his vast undertaking, with his phalanx of 10,000 workmen to guide and control, was night after night visited by an Angel who imparted superhuman strength to him for the task of each returning day. The oriental myth has a higher, truer, diviner meaning regarding each Christian life. A Mightier than any Ministering spirit keeps constant vigil over it:-"The Lord is thy Keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Behold He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Morning by morning, it may be said of each of us, as of Elijah's Angel under the juniper tree, "He touched him, and said, Arise, and eat, for the journey is too great for thee." As in his case, too, the Divine Watcher has food prepared for each day's journey;-the "cake baken on the coals and the cruse of water" (1 Kings xix. 6).

Art has, in another form, beautifully translated and interpreted our motto-verse. It is a companion picture to that given in our frontispiece,—the Christian as a panoplied Warrior: not looking behind on the vain yesterday of the past, for that is irrevocably gone, but onwards and upwards, with erect mien and elevated eye, to the untrodden

to-day; the sun shining on the steeps of the Hill Difficulty, lighting up the pathway and cheering the pilgrim-climber. The girded armour of personal heroism, devotion, consecration, and the uplifted gaze on better than the radiance of the natural sun;—these combined, denoting the consciousness of the need of Divine help and assistance, and the assurance that such help will be vouchsafed, when faithfully following the path of duty and obedience.

As there are those who surrender themselves to needless anxiety about the unrevealed future; so also are there many who indulge in mopishly brooding over life's retrospect; with its cares and turmoils, its disappointments and burdens. Nobler far surely is it to take the old exhortation of the early Church, "Sursum Corda:" to 'let the dead past bury its dead,' and with unsheathed sword and gleaming shield go in the strength of the Lord God, "forgetting the things that are behind." Beautifully has a true poet said—

"Rise, for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their armour,
And forth to the fight are gone;
A place in the ranks awaits you,
Each one has some part to play;
The past and the future are nothing
In the face of the stern to-day.

Rise! if the past detain you,
Her sunshine and storm forget;
No chains so unworthy to hold you,
As those of a vain regret:
Sad or bright, she is lifeless ever,
Cast her phantom arms away;
Nor look back, save to learn the lesson
Of a nobler strife to-day."\*

The very brook in the earthly valley as it sings its way amid copse and birch and heather to its ocean home, teaches us the lesson. It never seeks to retrace its course. It never attempts to reverse its silver ripples. But rushing joyously over the pebbly bed, pursues the brave monotone—

"Men may come, and men may go, But I go on for ever!"

This is God's way, and the condition of God's great Promise, of which we now speak. It is simply 'Strength for the day, or days.' Not strength ante-dated and forestalled, but precisely meted out for the present emergency, whatever that may be. There is no superfluous supply or stock of grace pledged or given; but "little by little" as the need reveals itself. The Divine rule is—"from grace to grace," "from strength to strength." The inward man is renewed—the best forces of our nature are energised by the Spirit of God—not all at once at a bound, but "day by day." It is true in a higher sense of the King of Kings, what was said of the King of Babylon:—"The King appointed them a daily provision" (Dan. i. 5). The recurrent prayer of each morning is—"I pray thee send me good speed this day" (Gen. xxiv. 12). The Prince of the Kings of the Earth has taught us the petition—"Give us, day by day, our daily bread" (Luke xi. 3).

How lovingly and gently too, does God thus proportion strength to every emergency! How specially beautiful are the adaptations of His dealings to the weak and the feeble,—what may be called the tender tones of His "still small voice":—so that the saying of the Psalmist has had its echo in ten thousand hearts—"Thy gentleness hath made me great" (Ps. xviii. 35)! This spiritual law is notably exemplified and symbolised in the outer world. In nothing more so (to take one among many illustrations) than in the exactly proportioned strength of the stalk in the fragile flower; more especially when and where that tiny child of nature has to do fierce battle with the elements. The words of our Art-critic can best tell the story of such:—

"Passing to the edge of a sheet of snow, upon the lower Alps early in May, we find, as we are nearly sure to find, two or three

little round openings pierced in it, and through these, emergent, a slender, pensive, fragile flower, whose small, dark, purple-fringed bell hangs down and shudders over the icy cleft that it has cloven, as if partly wondering at its own recent grave, and partly dying of very fatigue after its hard-won victory. . . . There is now offered to us an image of moral purpose and achievement, which, however unconscious or senseless the creature may indeed be that so seems to call, cannot be heard without affection, nor contemplated without worship, by any of us whose heart is rightly tuned, or whose mind is clearly and surely sighted. . . . The first time that I saw the Soldanella Alpina, before spoken of, it was growing, of magnificent size on a sunny Alpine pasture, among bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle. Some days after, I found it alone, among the rack of the higher clouds and howling of glacier winds, and, as I describe it, piercing through an edge of avalanche. . . . The plant was poor and feeble, and seemingly exhausted with its efforts, but it was then that I comprehended its ideal character, and saw its noble function and order of glory among the constellations of the earth." \*

Yes, beautiful symbol of many a wind-driven human flower—"cast down but not destroyed:" the breath of tempest, whether of temptation or of affliction, not passing it by; but leaving it unscathed, with bloom unsoiled and stalk unbroken; lifting its petals more lovingly than ever to the True Sun,—the divine Luminary who has melted its environing snows, and helped it through the chill to struggle upwards to air and light and heaven. The strength

<sup>\*</sup> Ruskin's Modern Painters, vol. ii. pp. 84, 102, 103.

which the hour, whether of duty or of trial, brings, often makes the Christian a wonder to himself. Though the illustration is one that has been again and again repeated,look at St. Paul. At some crisis of his life purposely left indeterminate, his day was a mingled and chequered one. A thorn was sent to buffet him, and he prays for its removal. His prayer is heard and answered. answered, not in his own way, nor in accordance with his own preferences and expectations. The thorn is left still to goad and lacerate;—the affliction, unremoved, he is still left to endure. But he gets what is better; strength for that thorny day and trying day, whatever it was. He bows to the will of the Great Supreme; nay, comes to welcome the thorn, seeing it has such a gracious accompanying promise as this,—"My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Let him narrate his own experience. Hurled down from the third Heavens, he lies, like a wounded bird fluttering on the ground, with broken wing and wailing cry;—but, under the consciousness of fresh imparted strength enabling him to mount up with wings as eagles, he exclaims-" Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor. xii. 9). As noted by a discriminating writer, when the same apostle speaks elsewhere of being "more than conqueror:" It is not over "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine," and the other ills he enumerates, but he specially declares that it is "in all these things." The tribulation remains; and he desires to vanquish and overcome not when the tribulation is subdued, but when he is in the very act of grappling with it. He asks no emancipation from the trial, but strength manfully to bear and endure (Rom. viii. 35, 37.)\*

There is a pathetic interest attaching to the following extract from one of the last letters from General Gordon that reached this country. Writing to his sister on March 11, 1884:—"Remember our Lord did not promise success or peace in this life. He promised tribulation: so, if things do not go well after the flesh, He still is faithful. He will do all in love and mercy to me. My part is to submit to His will, however dark it may be."

"I come not to avoid my care,
I come not to desert the strife.
I come to seek new strength to bear,
I fly to find new power for life.

When noontide brings its work to all,
I find my task so hard to be,
That I would sink, didst Thou not call—
'My Strength is perfected in thee.'"

<sup>\*</sup> Moments on the Mount, p. 155.

In this same Book of Deuteronomy from which our motto-verse is taken, we have the truth we are now pondering brought before us by the inspired Writer in another expressive desert figure; one especially appropriate to the circumstances of the pilgrim host he was then addressing:—

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings; taketh them, beareth them on her wings; so the Lord alone did lead him" (Deut. xxxii. 11, 12). What a remarkable double symbol is here, of Strength and Tenderness ! The eagle—the bird which had its immemorial haunts and eyry in the Sinai granite-cliffs, must have been to Israel the noblest emblem of strength. What that band of undisciplined slaves in their Exodus journey most needed, was, First, the revelation of the Divine Being as THE ALMIGHTY ONE—"that power belongeth unto God." Jehovah was to them that Eagle-Leader. God said unto Moses-"I AM that I AM: Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you!" But, along with this, a complementary testimony was required,—that of His love and considerate tenderness. The aspiration of the heart after God, as a "God merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth," was the yearning, then, as it is now. Neither was that revelation withheld. Nay

rather, how touchingly is it here associated with His Omnipotence. The instinctive care and gentle dealing of the mother Eagle for her young, when, in teaching them to fly, she darts underneath, "taketh them and beareth them on her wings," forms the significant and familiar wilderness picture of what has been called "the Motherlove of God." Under this dual symbol of Almightiness and Tenderness, the words which close the verses just quoted may be added as true of His people in every diverse experience—"So the Lord alone did lead him!"

Shall we add another,—an equally beautiful, if not more beautiful image still, of God's paternal, sympathetic love, first to His Israel in the wilderness, and through them to His spiritual Israel in all ages?—"In the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt" (Jer. xxxi. 32). Day by day, God, as a Father, "taking by the hand;"—the image of loving tenderness and affection, and saying to each, in pity of their unconscious feebleness—"Child, let Me lead thee this day!"

"Thy day." He forecasts its every hour. Not so with us. On the contrary, the one marked peculiarity of our day is that it is all unknown; every turn of the winding road is uncertain. What was said of Israel at one special stage of their wanderings is true of us morning by morning, as we begin afresh the journey, "Ye have not passed

this way heretofore." Each day has its own hidden experiences, whether of joy or of sorrow. The Hebrews in their nomadic life had their constant surprises. So with us. One day, it is a bitter Marah-pool: another, an Elim palm-grove. One day a friendly tribal meeting; another, an equally unexpected encounter with some hostile Amalek. "But He knoweth the way that I take." "It shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord" (Zech. xiv. 17). "The Ark of the Covenant went before them to search out a resting-place for them." The symbolic pillar, whether of cloud or of fire, is ever present; never absent by day or by night:—the perpetual pledge and memorial of daily presence and daily blessing.

The God of the pillar-cloud says to each of us, as He said of old to Ezekiel, "I have appointed thee each day for a year" (Ez. iv. 6).

Undoubtedly it is in the hour of trial that the promised support is not only most needed, but most consciously given and realised. "In the night," says the Psalmist, "His Song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life." The tones of that voice of combined Power and Tenderness are most lovingly heard when, as in the Transfiguration scene, it comes "out of a cloud." The promises which follow in the succeeding pages, true at all times, are specially so in "the dark and cloudy day."

"He stayeth His rough wind in the day of His east wind" (Isa. xxvii. 8). He will not suffer the trial or temptation to go too far. Like a skilled physician He has His hand on our pulse, studying our case, and watching our moral weakness and spiritual fluctuations. That weakness may be great, but the upholding arms are stronger. He "considers my soul in adversities" (Ps. xxxi. 7). "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. iv. 19). "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Cor. ix. 8).

"Oh, fear not in a world like this, And thou shalt know ere long, Know how sublime a thing it is To suffer and be strong."\*

In the words of an old writer, "God puts a blank cheque into our hands and bids us fill it up as we please,"—whatever our special need or requirement may be; peace in unrest, comfort in trouble, wisdom in perplexity, support in temptation, submission in suffering, victory in death. Victory in death! This sums up all:—dying grace for a

<sup>\*</sup> Voices of the Night.

dying day. The promise of proportioned strength, true through every step and vicissitude of the Believer's pilgrimage, is truest and best at the last. Never is the prayer and its answer more realised than then-"Awake! Awake! O arm of the Lord." Amid the dimming shadows, the words, too feeble to be audibly uttered, may tremble on the lips,—"Oh for the touch of a vanished hand!" "lays His right hand on us" (the arm of power and love). and says, "Fear not; I am the First and the Last; I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of the grave and of death" (Rev. i. 17, 18). Ay more. We believe at that supreme hour, the very strength is given which is best suited to soothe and smooth the pillow; to disarm and silence any last misgivings, and tune the lips with final triumph. Even now we may anticipate God's faithfulness, and see the Dark Valley rainbow-spanned; and on its arc of blended ruby and emerald and gold, read the promise in gleaming lettering-"So SHALL THY STRENGTH BE." "I, for my part," says an esteemed Brother and former fellow-worker, in words he himself remarkably illustrated, "have but one tale to tell of continual victory. weakest are never without strength to die; . . . while those who have trusted and loved and laboured with any constancy, can make the end almost anything they will:

a quiet sleep, or a sweet song; or a lesson-hour for those around; or a robing chamber to put on the wedding garment to meet the King."\*

We have just spoken of death. We must not, however, lose sight of the salient point in these Introductory remarks, but rather emphasize it, as the true interpreter of the Volume, that our motto brings us its message for

When the Master shall call, and the shadows shall fall, And all must be left that relates To this passing world:—with banner unfurled 'I shall calmly march up to the Gates!'

My vision grows dim, but I gaze upon Him Whose glory no death-gloom abates. My warfare is done, and the Victory won:— 'I shall calmly march up to the Gates!'

Lo! crowding the shore, are the friends gone before;
From each a glad welcome awaits;
No bonds there shall sever;—One Church THERE for ever;
'We shall joyful march up to the Gates!'"

<sup>\*</sup> Dr. Raleigh's Sermons, "The Way to the City." One of his own singularly beautiful triumph-sayings, as his latter end drew near and when recovery was announced to be hopeless, was—"Then, I shall calmly march up to the Gates:" words which the present writer thus ventured elsewhere to expand:—

<sup>&</sup>quot;Dear Lord, I resign, accepting as Thine Whatsoe'er in Thy wisdom awaits; Submissive and still, let me bow to Thy will; 'I shall calmly march up to the Gates!'

to-day. After all, it is strength for life and its duties; strength amid their defeats and failures which forms the burden of God's messages and promises. The great Life maxim alike 'in all time of our tribulation and in all time of our wealth,' is—not "memento mori;" but rather "memento vivere." Truly has a gifted friend said—

"Many there be that seek Thy face
To meet the hour of parting breath;
But 'tis for earth I need Thy grace,
Life is more solemn still than death."\*

It is present duties, present responsibilities that claim us. These can brook no postponement. God's summons to every child of humanity is—"Son, go work to-day in My vineyard." He calls to every lingerer and loiterer,—every faint heart in the day of battle,—every captive in the dungeons of Doubting Castle—"Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee" (Zech. ix. 12). There is no alteration in the terms of the message from what they were four thousand years ago—"Consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord. . . . that He may bestow upon you a blessing this day" (Ex. xxxii. 29).

<sup>\*</sup> George Matheson, D.D.

"Noble things the great Past promised, Holy dreams, both strange and new; But the Present shall fulfil them, What he promised, she shall do.

God, who crowns the dying ages, Bids her rule, and us obey— Bids us cast our lives before her, Bids us serve the great To-day."

"Let us not," says Charles Kingsley in his own forcible diction, "waste the strength God has given us for to-day, in vain fears or vain dreams about to-morrow. To-day is quite full enough of anxiety and care. . . . If we foresaw the troubles that are coming, perhaps it would break our hearts; and if we foresaw the happiness that is coming, perhaps it would turn our heads. Let us not meddle with the future, but refrain our souls and keep them low, like little children content with the day's food, and the day's schooling, and the day's play-hours, sure that the Divine Master knows all that is right and how to train us. . . . The path by which He is leading each of us—if we will but obey and follow step by step—leads up to Everlasting Life." •

<sup>\*</sup> Out of the Deep, pp. 83, 84, 85.

It is one of the many impressive memoranda in the private journal of the late Bishop Wilberforce—"Every day, by a special resolution, with prayer, to devote that day, with all I can see of its duties, to God's glory in God's strength." Yes, note well the condition—"in God's strength"—the strength is God-given. "God is our refuge and strength" (Ps. xlvi. 1). "Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee" (Ps. lxxxiv. 5). The key-note of the Shepherd Psalm is the refrain of the whole Psalter—"Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

"So I ask Thee for the daily strength
To none that ask denied—
And a mind to blend with outward life
While keeping at Thy side!" +

<sup>\*</sup> Vol. ii. p. 408.

<sup>†</sup> The self-invented motto of the present illustrious Chancellor of Germany, which he has engraved on his enormous mantelpiece at Varzin, under the Spread Eagle of the Empire, is, "In Trinitate Robur," or, as he renders it, "My strength is in the Triune God." He selected this legend, a writer tells us, for his coat of arms, on being appointed Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of Danebrog: a noble testimony from that man of iron will and deed as to where his and all true strength lies.

In a now familiar and interesting Volume—all will assent to the beauty of this passage,—where speaking of Christ's exhortation to "consider the lilies of the field," the Author says:—"He points to this companion-phenomenon to teach us how to live a free and natural life; a life which God will unfold for us without our anxiety, as He unfolds the flower,

We dare not close without joining in one other devout ejaculation of the Psalter, and giving it its truest evangelic meaning—"Let Thy hand be upon the Man of thy right hand, upon the Son of Man whom Thou madest strong for Thyself" (Ps. lxxx. 17). Reader, think of Him, the divine, yet the human; the Brother in our nature, yet the Mighty God, saying to each of us—"Lo, I am with you alway (all the days—πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας—and each day of all the days) even unto the end of the world."

He who had Himself a strengthening Angel in Gethsemane, can sympathise in every struggle of His people.

<sup>. . .</sup> The point they were to consider was how they grew-how, without anxiety or care, the flower woke into loveliness; how, without weaving, these flowers were woven: how, without toiling, these complex tissues spun themselves; and how, without any effort or friction, the whole slowly came, ready made, from the loom of God, in its more than Solomon-like glory." Again, "It (the lily) simply stands still with its leaves spread out in unconscious prayer, and Nature lavishes upon it these and all other bounties, bathing it in sunshine, pouring the nourishing air over and over it, reviving it graciously with its nightly dew. . . . 'So,' He says, making the application beyond dispute, 'you, too, need take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink or what ye shall put on. For if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"-Prof. Drummond's Natural Law in the Spiritual World, pp. 123, 138. These mute flowers of Galilee, with their pure virgin lips, thus take up and prolong the parable of our little Book :- "Trust me !- As thy days, so shall thy strength be !"

"Thou knowest all the conflict—all our failing
Of flesh and spirit lured by evil powers,
The sore temptations these poor hearts assailing
In our unguarded hours.

"So shall we fear no evil: living, dying,
Our souls are in Thy care; Thou wilt defend
Thy faithful servants, on Thy love relying,
Even until the end." \*

And when that end comes; it too, alike in its season and its solemn accompaniments, will be appointed by Him. He who calls us to work to-day (immediate duty), will call us, in His own good time, to its cessation:—"To-day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." The toil and warfare of battle over, His words will be sweetly heard with a new heavenly meaning—"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. xi. 28). Earth's chequered day, brief at the best, will then give place to the "Long life" even "length of days for ever and ever;" and still will the promise of earth, in a new infinitude of meaning, hold true—Eternal strength for the Eternal Day. †

<sup>\*</sup> S. Doudney.

<sup>†</sup> In connection with our theme and motto-verse, some readers may have suggested to their remembrance a well-known work of that truly religious man and religious painter, Albert Durer (1471). His Equestrian Knight,

This little Book is intended, each Morning and Evening, to give, in the words of sacred Scripture alone, some of the believer's varying experiences in the varying Days of life—followed, in response, by the Divine promises bearing on these experiences. Our leading motto-verse is surely one we may make ubiquitous;—under which we may well inscribe the beautiful words in the Book of Proverbs, and say of it—"When thou goest it shall lead thee: when thou sleepest it shall keep thee: and when thou awakest it shall talk with thee" (Prov. vi. 22). May both Reader and Writer hear the gracious assurance, and be able to appropriate it of Him who "is faithful that promised"—

"FROM THIS DAY WILL I BLESS YOU."

(Haggai ii. 19.)

full panoplied, the Personation of Christian Faith and Heroism, confident in "the steed which knows its rider," entering the rocky tortuous Vale of Life: unawed by the grim companions Sin and Death,—a castellated city crowning the height in the distance. At the same time, may the Epitaph be appropriately recalled which is inscribed on the Artist's Tomb at Nuremberg, by his life-long and like-minded friend. How suggestive, in its very brevity, of the dying grace for a dying day,—and of the Eternal day and Eternal Land beyond I—"EMIGRAVIT."

"If The presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."—Exodus xxxiii. 15.

How many dream life's hours away,
Forecasting morbidly their sorrow:
He who gives needed strength to-day,
Will give it for that unknown morrow.

"Sufficient is My grace for thee:"
Blest antidote for care's corrodings.
"As is thy day, thy strength shall be,"
God's lullaby in dark forebodings.

Though now, perchance, His gracious face Veil for a time its former shining; Yet trust Him where thou canst not trace; Clouds yet will have their silver lining.

Then garner no redundant store;
Nor for the future seek to borrow;
Enough for present use,—no more;
So "take no thought about to-morrow."
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"And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."—Exodus xxxiii. 14.

# The Day of Duty.

IST MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"—Acrs ix. 6.
- "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."—

  JOHN ix. 4.
- "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."—Eccles. ix. 10.
- "Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God."—
  Ps. cxliii. 10.

- "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."—Isa. xli. 13.
- "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God."—JOHN vii. 17.
- "All that thou commandest us, we will do."-Joshua i. 16.

# The Day of Insufficiency.

IST EVENING.

# AS THY DAYS-

- "He weakened my strength in the way."—Ps. cii. 23.
- "Who is sufficient for these things?"—2 Cor. ii. 16.
- "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God."—2 Cor. iii. 5.

- "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."—2 Cor. xii. 9.
- "Fear not, thou worm Jacob; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel."—
  ISA. xli. 14.
- "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."—2 TIM. ii. 1.
- "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—2 Cor. ix. 8.

# The Day of Decision.

2º Morning.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "Choose you this day whom you will serve."—Josh. xxiv. 15.
- "I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep Thy righteous judgments."—Ps. cxix. 106.
- "Thy vows are upon me, O God."—Ps. lvi. 12.
- "And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God."—
  I SAM. xxiii. 16.

- "Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name."—Ps. xci. 14.
- "Fear not: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."—GEN. XV. I.
- "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee."—ACTS xviii. 9, 10.
- "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."—Eph. vi. 10.

# The Day of Prosperity.

2º EVENING.

### AS THY DAYS-

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies."—Ps. ciii. 1-4.

"O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity."—Ps. cxviii. 25.

- "I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."—Ps. xci. 15, 16.
- "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage. . . . Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."—JOSHUA i. 5, 6, 8.
- "The Lord hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."—Ps. xxxv. 27.
- "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."—3 JOHN 2.

# The Day of Conflict.

3º Morning.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "They be many that fight against me."-Ps. lvi. 2.
- "Troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears."—2 Cor. vii. 5.
- "Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence."—Ps. xciv. 17.

- "The battle is the Lord's."—I SAM. xvii. 14.
- "Who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; and forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth? . . . I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The Lord of Hosts is His name."—ISA. li. 12, 13, 15.
- "They cried to God in the battle, and He was intreated of them."—I CHRON. v. 20.
- "In all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us."—Rom. viii. 37.

# The Day of Datient Waiting.

3º EVENING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry."—Ps. xl. 1.
- "I have waited for Thy salvation, O God."-GEN. xlix. 18.
- "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord: we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."—

  ISA. XXV. 9.

- "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart."—Ps. xxvii. 14.
- "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him."—L M. iii. 25.
- "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord."—LAM. iii. 26.
- "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."—HEB.

  x. 36.
- "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation."—Rev. iii. 10.

# The Day of Strong Confidence.

4TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence."—Prov. xiv. 26.
- "We trust in the living God."—I TIM. iv. 10.
- "Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men."

  —Ps. xxxi. 19.
- "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."—Isa. xxvi. 3.

- "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you."—ISA. xxxv. 3, 4.
- "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."—Ps. cxii. 7.
- "Blessed be the Lord; for He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness in a strong city."—Ps. xxxi. 21.

# Day of Gentle Dealings.

4TH EVENING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "In the day that I took them by the hand, to bring them out of the land of Egypt."—JER. xxxi. 32.
- "The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."—JAS.
- "Thy gentleness hath made me great."—Ps. xviii. 35.

- "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."—ISA. lxvi. 13.
- "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him."—Ps. ciii. 13.
- "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love."— HOSEA xi. 4.
- "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."— ISA. XI. II.
- "I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones."—Zech. xiii. 7.

Day by Day. 5TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "From day to day."-Ps. xcvi. 2.
- "Give us day by day our daily bread."-LUKE xi. 3.
- "That I may daily perform my vows."- Ps. lxi. 8.
- "Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever."—Ps. cxlv. 2.

- "Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors."—Prov. viii. 34.
- "The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night."—Ex. xiii. 21.
- "And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening."—

  1 KINGS xvii. 6.
- "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."—2 Cor. iv. 16.

## Day of Self-Scruting.

5TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."—Ps. cxxxix, 23, 24.
- "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart."—Ps. xxvi. 2.
- "Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee."—Ps. cxliii. 8.

- "Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."—Isa. xlviii. 17, 18.
- "I have seen his ways. . . . I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him."—Isa. lvii. 18, 19.

## Day of Revival.

6th Morning.

## AS THY DAYS- .

- "O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."—HAB. iii. 2.
- "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit."—Ps. li. 12.
- "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord."—Ps. cxviii. 17.

- "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee."—Isa. liv. 7, 8.
- "They shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon."—Hos. xiv. 7.
- "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."—LUKE xv. 32.

## The Day of faith.

6TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS .-

- "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief."—MARK ix. 24.
- "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."—2 TIM. i. 12.
- "Lord, increase our faith."-LUKE xvii. 5.

- "Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."—JOHN XX. 29.
- "He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life."—John vi. 47.
- "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."—
  EPHES. vi. 16.
- "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."
   I PET. i. 5.

## The Day of Burdens.

7TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "In this tabernacle we groan, being burdened."—2 Cor. v. 4.
- "I will say unto God my rock, Why hast Thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"—Ps. xlii. 9.
- "O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me."—Isa. xxxviii. 14.

- "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble."—Ps. ix. 9.
- "They shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and He shall send them a Saviour."—ISA. xix. 19.
- "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."—I COR. x. 13.
- "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee."—Ps. lii. 22.

## The Day of Small Things.

7TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in."—I KINGS iii. 7.
- "By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small."—Amos vii. 2.
- "Who hath despised the day of small things?"—Zech. iv. 10.

- "By little and little I will drive them out from before thee."—Ex. xxiii. 30.
- "The Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he."—Jer. xxxi. 11.
- "The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger."—

  Job xvii. 9.
- "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—MATT. XXV. 21.

## The Day of Brightness.

8<sup>TH</sup> MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"—Ps. xxvii, 1.
- "In Thy light shall we see light."-Ps. xxxvi. 9.
- "Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance."

  —Ps. lxxxix. 15.

- "The Lord shall make bright clouds."—Zech. x. 1.
- "I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."
   Jон viii. 12.
- "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light."—John xii. 36.
- "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."—Prov. iv. 18.
- "The Lord shall be to thee an everlasting light."—Isa. xvi, 19.

## A Cloudy Day.

8TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "A day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness."—ZEPH, i. 15.
- "And they feared as they entered the cloud."—LUKE ix. 34.

- "And the bow shall be seen in the cloud."—GEN. ix. 14.
- "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among the sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day."—Ez, xxxiv, 12.
- "So the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain."—ZECH. x. I.

## The Day of Solicitude.

9TH MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "My heart is overwhelmed."—Ps. lxi. 2.
- "As for me, my cogitations much troubled me."-DANIEL vii. 28.
- "Master, carest Thou not that we perish?"—MARK iv. 38.
- "If the Lord be with us, why is all this befallen us?"-JUDGES vi. 13.

- "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?"-Luke xxiv. 38.
- "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."-PHIL. iv. 6.
- "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." -- г Рет. v. 7.
- "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."-MATT. vi. 34.

## The Day of Sickness.

9TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "With pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me."—ISA. xxxviii. 12.
- "When shall I arise, and the night be gone? I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day."—
  Job vii. 4.
- "O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more."—Ps. xxxix. 13.

- "The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing."—Ps. xli. 13.
- "The prayer of faith shall save the sick."—JAMES v. 15.
- "Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years."—ISA. xxxviii. 5.
- "To the Lord our God belong the issues from death,"— Ps. lxviii. 20.
- "Himself bare our sicknesses."—MATT. viii. 17.

# The Day of Reed.

10TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me."

  —Ps. xl. 17.
- "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."—Jer. x. 23.
- "Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe."—Ps. cxix. 117.
- "The needy shall not alway be forgotten."—Ps. ix. 18.

- "For the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord."—Ps. xii. 5.
- "The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob."—Gen. xlix. 24.
- "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them."—
  ISA. xli. 17.

## The Day of Dealing.

10TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "Woe is me, for my wound is grievous."—JER. x. 19.
- "Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?"

  —Jer. viii. 22.
- "My heart is wounded within me."-Ps. cix. 22.
- "A wounded spirit who can bear?"—Prov. xviii. 14.

- "I am the Lord that healeth thee."—Ex. xv. 26.
- "The Lord bindeth up the breach of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound."—Isa. xxx. 26.
- "I will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick."—Isa. xxxiv. 16.
- "The Lord hath anointed me to bind up the brokenhearted."—ISA. lxi. 16.
- "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."—Ps. cxlvii. 3.

## Resting Places.

IITH MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "And it came to pass, when the Ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."—Numb. x. 35, 36.
- "At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents."—Numb. ix. 18.

- "My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places."—Isa. xxxii. 18.
- "Stand ye in the way, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."—JER. vi. 16.
- "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while."—Mark vi. 31.
- "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."—Ex. xxxiii. 14.

## The Staff Broken.

IITH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!"— JER. xlviii. 17.
- "For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem, and from Judah, the stay and the staff."—Isa. iii. 1.
- "Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me."— GEN. xlii. 36.

- "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?"—Sol. Song viii. 5.
- "Mine arm also shall strengthen him."-Ps. lxxxix. 21.
- "Unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off,"—Isa, lvi, 5.
- "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—HEB. xiii. 5.
- "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."-Ps. xxiii. 4.

## Hopeful Bays.

12TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope."—Ps. cxix. 49.
- "But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more."—Ps. lxxi. 14.
- "And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee."—Ps. xxxix. 7.

- "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee."—Zech. ix. 12.
- "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."—Rom. xv. 13.
- "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."—Jer. xvii. 7.
- "Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."—Ps. xxxi. 24.

## The Day of Prayer.

12TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."—Ps. xviii. 3.
- "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."—Ps. cxxi. 1, 2.
- "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."—Ps. cxli. 2.

- "He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving health of His right hand."—Ps. xx. 6.
- "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

  —Isa. lxv. 24.
- "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you."—John xvi. 23.
- "In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul,"—Ps. cxxxviii, 3.

# The Day of Powerlessness.

13TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "I am feeble, and sore broken."-Ps. xxxviii. 8.
- "We have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do."—
  2 CHRON. XX. 12.
- "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."—
  MATT. xxvi. 41.

- "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God."—Ps. lxii. 11.
- "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."—Zech. iv. 6.
- "And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—2 Cor. ix. 8.
- "By his strength he had power with God: yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed."—Hos. xii. 3, 4.

Day of Succour.

13TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "When I said, My foot slippeth; Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up."—Ps. xciv. 18.
- "I will remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar."—Ps. xlvi. 6.
- "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul."—Ps. lxvi. 16.

- "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour."—Isa. xliii. 1, 2, 3.
- "Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice."—Ps. lxiii. 7.

## Day of Chastisement.

14TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "In that day did the Lord of Hosts call to weeping, and to mourning."—ISA. xxii. 12.
- "The Lord hath chastened me sore,"-Ps. cxviii. 18.
- "He hath both spoken unto me, and Himself hath done it:

  I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul."—ISA. xxxviii. 15.
- "Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice,"—Ps. li. 8.

- "As many as I love I rebuke and chasten."—Rev. iii. 19.
- "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."—Isa. xlviii, 10.
- "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."—HEB. xii. 6.
- "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."—2 Cor. iv. 17.

## Strength Imparted.

14TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS .-

- "Without strength."—Rom. v. 6.
- "Will He plead against me with His great power? No; but He would put strength into me."—Job xxiii. 6.
- "My strength faileth because of mine iniquities."—Ps. xxxi. 10.
- "Stir up Thy strength, and come and save us."—Ps. lxxx. 2.

- "The joy of the Lord is your strength."—NEH. viii. 10.
- "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand."—Ps. xxxvii. 24.
- "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me."—
  ISA. xxvii. 5.
- "But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—PHIL. iv. 19.

# Each Bour of the Day.

15TH MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "I pray Thee, send me good speed this day."—GEN. xxiv. 12.
- "Evening, morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice."—Ps. lv. 17.
- "On Thee do I wait all the day."—Ps. xxv. 5.
- "Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice."—Ps. lxv. 8.

- "Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings."—Mal. iv. 2.
- "Thou makest Thy flock to rest at noon."—Sol. Song i. 7.
- "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."—GEN. iii. 8.
- "At evening time it shall be light."—Zech. xiv. 7.
- "In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day."—Ps. lxxxix. 16.

## The Day of Darkness.

15TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "He hath set darkness in my paths."—Job xix. 8.
- "A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains."—Joel ii. 2.
- "Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?"—Ps. lxxvii. 9.

- "Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness."—Ps. cxii. 4.
- "I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them."—Isa. xlii. 16.
- "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay himself upon his God."—Isa. l. 10.
- "The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."—
  I JOHN ii. 8.

# A Mingled Day.

16TH MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark."—Zech. xiv. 6.

"I will sing of mercy and judgment."—Ps. ci. 1.

"Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep."—Ps. xxxvi. 5, 6.

"Men see not the bright light which is in the clouds."—

JOB XXXVII. 21.

- "Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds?"—Job xxxvii. 16.
- "Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne."—Ps. xcvii. 2.
- "And the Lord will create upon every dwelling-place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence."—Isa. iv. 5.
- "Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness."—Ps. cxii. 4.

# The Great Strongbold.

16TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "Thou hast broken down all his hedges; Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin."—Ps. lxxxix. 40.
- "The spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strongholds."—Jer. xlviii. 18.
- "The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me."—2 TIM. iv. 17.
- ".Thou art my strong Refuge."—Ps. lxxi. 7.

- "The Eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."—DEUT. XXXIII. 27.
- "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him."—NAHUM i. 7.
- "Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."—ISA. xxvi. 4.
- "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."—2 TIM. ii. 1.

## The Day of Trouble.

17TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?"
  —Job xxvii. 9.
- "Be not far from Me, for trouble is near."—Ps. xxii. 11.
- "Hide not Thy face from me in the day of trouble."—Ps.
- "Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress."—Isa. xxv. 4.
- "Let not your heart be troubled."-JOHN xiv. 1.

- "I know their sorrows, and I am come down to deliver them."—Ex. iii. 7, 8.
- "In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me: He shall set me up upon a rock."—Ps. xxvii. 5.
- "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me."—Ps. 1. 15.
- "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me."—Ps. cxxxviii. 7.

Day of Joy.

17TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Therefore my heart is glad, my glory rejoiceth."—Ps. xvi. 9.
- "In Thy presence is fulness of joy."—Ps. xvi. 11.
- "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness."—Isa, lxi. 10.
- "They joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil."—Isa. ix. 3.

- "The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hand, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice."—DEUT. xvi. 15.
- "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying."—Isa. lxv. 19.
- "Your joy no man taketh from you."-John xvi. 22.

# Strength in Spiritual Conflict.

18TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Many are they that rise against Me."-Ps. iii. 1.
- "Blessed be the Lord my strength, who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight."—Ps. cxliv. 1.
- "Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me."—Ps. xxxv. 1.
- "Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle."—Ps. cxl. 7.

- "The Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you, as He hath promised you."—Joshua xxiii. 10.
- "Peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee."—I CHRON. xii. 18.
- "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."—MATT. xxiv. 13.
- "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear."—Ps. xxvii. 3.

## Milestones.

18TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

"What mean ye by these stones?"—Josh. iv. 6.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."—Ps. cxxvi. 3.

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."—I SAM. vii. 12.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"—Ps. cxvi. 12.

- "Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest."—GEN. xxviii. 15.
- "In all places where I record My name I will come unto thee, and bless thee."—Ex. xx. 24.
- "And the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting-place for them. And the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp."

  —Num. x. 33, 34.
- "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness."—DEUT, viii. 2.
- "Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan."—Joshua i. 2.

# The Day of Feebleness.

19TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "I am feeble."-Ps. xxxviii. 8.
- "For Thou hast a little strength."-Rev. iii. 8.
- "Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?"—Isa. xl. 27.

- "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with a recompense; He will come and save you."—Isa.

  \*\*EXEV. 3, 4.
- "He that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them."—Zech. xii. 8.
- "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength."—Isa, xl. 29.
- "A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench."—Isa. xlii. 3.
- "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."—LUKE xii. 32.

# Pacifying Thoughts.

19TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "O Lord, I will praise thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation."—Isa. xii. 1, 2.
- "How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!"—Ps. cxxxix. 17.

- "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."—JER. xxix. II.
- "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee."—ISA. xliv. 22.
- "I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God."—Ez. xvi. 63.

## The Day of Fear.

20TH MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me."-Ps. lv. 5.
- "I am afraid of Thy judgments."-Ps. cxix. 120.
- "As they followed, they were afraid."—MARK x. 32.
- "We were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears."—2 COR. vii. 5.

- "Why are ye so fearful?"—MARK iv. 40.
- "It is I; be not afraid."—MATT. xiv. 27.
- "Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong."—
  ISA. XXXV. 4.
- "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."—Isa. xli. 13.
- "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him."—DEUT. XXXIII. 12.
- "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"—Ps. xxvii. 1.

## The Day of Silence.

20TH EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS --

- "The Lord our God hath put us to silence."—JER. viii. 14.
- "I was dumb with silence."—Ps. xxxix. 2.
- "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it."—Ps. xxxix. 9.
- "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight."—
  MATT. xi. 26.

- "Be still, and know that I am God."-Ps. xlvi. 10.
- "Be silent to the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."—Ps. xxxvii. 7.
- "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—
  ISA. XXX. 15.
- "He will be silent (lit.) in His love; He will joy over thee with singing."—ZEPH. iii. 17.
- "Their strength is to sit still."—Isa. xxx. 7.

## Day of Ordinances.

21ST MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy."—Ps. xliii. 3, 4.
- "To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary."—Ps. lxiii. 2.

- "And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud."—DEUT. xxxi. 15.
- "There I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee."—Ex. xxv. 22.
- "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."—Ps. lxxxvii. 2.
- "I will make them joyful in My House of Prayer."—Isa. lvi. 7.
- "There the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."—Ps, cxxxii. 3.

## Day of Joyful Trust.

21ST EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us."—Ps. lxii, 8.
- "I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved."—Ps. xvi. 8.
- "The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory."— Ps. lxiv. 10.

- "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth, even for ever."—Ps. cxxv. 2.
- "The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed."—Isa. liv. 10.
- "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."—Ps, xxxii, tt.

# The Secret of Strength.

220 MORNING.

## AS THY DAYS-

- "Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon Thee: Thou saidst, Fear not. O Lord, Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; Thou hast redeemed my life."

  —LAM. iii. 57, 58.
- "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me."—2 TIM. iv. 16, 17.

- 'The Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken."—Prov. iii. 26.
- "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore."

  —Rev. i. 17, 18.
- "But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob."—Gen. xlix. 24.
- "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Phil. iv. 13.

# Day of Meeping.

22D EVENING.

## AS THY DAYS --

- "Who passing through the valley of Baca (weeping)."—Ps. lxxxiv. 6.
- "My tears have been my meat day and night."—Ps. xlii. 3.
- "O Lord, . . . hold not Thy peace at my tears."—Ps. xxxix. 12.

- "The Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping."—Ps. vi. 8.
- "Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears."—JER. xxxi. 16.
- "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."—Ps. cxxvi. 5.
- "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."—Rev. xxi. 4.

# The Day of Unrest.

23<sup>D</sup> MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord."—LAM. iii. 17, 18.
- "Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. . . . I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest."—Ps. lv. 6, 8.

- "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."—Ps. xxxvii. 7.
- "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—MATT. xi. 28.
- "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering."—Col. i. 11.
- "Return unto thy rest, O my soul."-Ps. cxvi. 7.

# filial Confidence.

23D EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Doubtless Thou art our Father."-Isa. lxiii. 16.
- "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."—Rom. viii. 14.
- "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!"

  —I JOHN iii. I.
- "I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father."—Luke xv. 18.

- "I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—2 Cor. vi. 18.
- "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him!"—MATT. vii. 11.
- "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby ye cry, Abba, Father."—Rom. viii. 15.

# The Day of Heart=failing.

24TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "My flesh and my heart faileth."—Ps. lxxiii. 26.
- "They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way: they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them."—Ps. cvii. 4, 5.
- "I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed."—Ps. lxxvii. 3.

- "Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?"—Isa. xl. 28.
- "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."-Josh. i. 5.
- "Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee."—Isa. xlix. 15.
- "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye."—Ps. xxxii. 8.
- "God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."—Ps. lxxiii. 26.

# Memories of Sin.

24TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?"—Ps. cxxx. 3.
- "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord."—Ps. xxv. 7.
- "My sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight; that Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest."—Ps. li. 3, 4.

- "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. i. 18.
- "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."—Heb. viii. 12.
- "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered."—Ps. xxxii. 1.

# The Day of Bereavement.

25TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Thou hast covered us with the shadow of death."—Ps. xliv. 19.
- "I am bereaved."—GEN. xliii. 14.
- "Lover and friend hast Thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness."—Ps. lxxxviii. 18.
- "It may be that the Lord will look upon mine affliction."

  —2 SAM. xvi. 12.
- "Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death."—Ps. ix. 13.

- "I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him, and to his mourners."—ISA. lvii. 8.
- "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."—I THESS. iv. 14, 15.
- "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."—Ps. cxvi. 15.

# Crisis Days.

25TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote."—DANIEL v. 5.
- "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy water-spouts: all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me."—Ps. xlii. 7.
- "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"—Acts xvi. 30.
- "I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for His mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man."—2 SAM. xxiv. 14.

- "Yet the Lord will command His loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life."—Ps. xlii. 8.
- "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron."—Isa. xlv. 2.
- "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it."—Isa. xxx. 21.

# Meedful Guidance.

26TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."—Jer. x. 23.
- "For Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me."—Ps. xxxi. 3.
- "My times are in Thy hand."—Ps. xxxi. 15.
- "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."—Ps. lxxiii. 24.

- "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way."—Ps. xxv. 9.
- "He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them."—Isa. xlix. 10.
- "The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore."—Ps. cxxi. 5, 6, 7, 8.

# The Day of Dismay.

26TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"—Ps. xxii. 1.
- "Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me."—Ps. lv. 5.
- "The day of grief and of desperate sorrow."—Isa. xvii. 11.
- "Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak."—Ps. lxxvii. 4.

- "The Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear."—Isa. xiv. 3.
- "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God."—Isa. xli. 10.
- "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit: and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."—MATT. xiv. 25, 26, 27.
- "He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded."—
  I PET. ii. 6.

# The Day of Trust.

27TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?"—Ps. xi. 1.
- "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him."—Ps. xxviii. 7.
- "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."—Job xiii. 15.
- "None of them that trust in Him shall be desolate."—Ps. xxxiv, 22.

- "On mine arm shall they trust."—Isa. li. 5.
- "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust."—Ps. xl. 4.
- "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever."—Ps. cxxv. 1.
- "A full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust."—-RUTH ii. II.
- "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he."-Prov. xvi. 20.

# The Day of Disquiet.

27TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "My soul is cast down within me."—Ps. xlii. 6.
- "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?"—Ps. xlii. 5.
- "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul."—Ps. cxlii. 4.

- "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace."—Job xxii. 21.
- "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—JOHN xiv. 27.
- "The same day at eventide came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."—
  JOHN XX. 19.
- "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever."—
  ISA. xxxii. 17.

# Day of Encouragement.

28TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."—I SAM. xxx. 6.
- "And Jonathan arose, and strengthened his hand in God."—I SAM. xxiii. 16.
- "Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased."—Ps. iv. 7.
- "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."—Ps. cxxvi. 3.

- "There stood by me this night the Angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not."—ACTS xxvii. 23, 24.
- "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."—MATT. v. 6.
- "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God."—Ps. cxlvi. 5.
- "Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto Thee, O people, saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thine excellency!"—Deut. xxxiii.

# The Day of Weakness.

28TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "Mine eyes fail with looking upward: O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me."—Isa. xxxviii. 14.
- "O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent."—Ps. xxii. 2.
- "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee."-Ps. lvi. 3.

- "The Lord hath sworn by the arm of His strength."— Isa, lxii. 8.
- "I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness."

  —Isa. xli. 10.
- "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."—Ps. xlii. 11.
- "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

   I Per. i. 5.

# Journeying Pays.

29TH MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God."—GEN. XXVIII. 20, 21.
- "Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God."—Rom. i. 10.

- "There shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain."—Isa. iv. 6.
- "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come."—Job xiv. 14.
- "The Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."—Josh. i. 9.
- "In the day-time also He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire."—Ps. lxxviii. 14.
- "He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."—Ps. xci. 11.

# The Day of Declension.

29TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "We stumble at noon-day as in the night."—Isa. lix. 10.
- "Oh that I were as in months past.... When His candle shined upon my head, and when by His light I walked through darkness."—JOB xxix. 2, 3.
- "Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death."—Ps. xiii. 3.

- "Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die."—REV. iii. 2.
- "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—EPH. v. 14.
- "Simon, Simon! behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not."—Luke xxii. 31, 32.
- "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings."—Jer. iii. 22.

# Longings.

30TH MORNING.

### AS THY DAYS-

- "O when wilt Thou come unto me?"-Ps. ci. 2.
- "My flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is."—Ps. lxiii. 1.
- "Forsake me not when my strength faileth."-Ps. lxxi. 9.

- "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing."—Isa. xxviii. 12.
- "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass."—Ps. xxxvii. 4, 5.
- "A man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

  —Isa. xxxii. 2.

# The Day of Death.

30TH EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?"—Ps. lxxxix. 48.
- "Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return unto the dust."—Ps. civ. 29.
- "Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death."—Ps. xiii. 3.
- "There is no discharge in that war."—Eccles. viii. 8.

- "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction."—Hos. xiii. 14.
- "Behold, the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan."—Joshua iii. II.
- "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."—Ps. xxiii. 4.
- "They passed over Jordan by the morning light."—2 SAM. xvii. 22.

# Strength Renewed.

31ST MORNING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

- "I am ready to halt."—Ps. xxxviii. 17.
- "Wilt Thou not revive us again?"—Ps. lxxxv. 6.
- "O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years."— HAB. iii. 2.
- "Renew a right spirit within me."-Ps. li. 10.

- "I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon."—HOSEA xiv. 5, 6, 7.
- "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."—ISA. xl. 31.
- "We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever."—MICAH iv. 5.

# The Day of Victory.

31ST EVENING.

#### AS THY DAYS-

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."—EPH. vi. 12.

"Who will lead me into the strong city?" (or the city of strength).—Ps. cviii. 10.

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